

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

## Making Public Libraries.

The most important question for the public library is "What books shall we buy?" In many towns the reading committee is a recognized adjunct of the library, and the librarian has the verdict of several different minds for aid in his task of selecting new books. Most of the voluntary readers are likely to be women, and the service they render the community is a real one. If their judgment and taste are sound, on the other hand, a complaisant commendation of a book as "very interesting" may do actual harm when the books in the despicable land between bad and good, the land of current fiction and trashy juveniles.

A great meeting of English librarians recently met from some general principles which should help determine the destinies of books, says the *Youth's Companion*. First they declared the nation exploded that a task for good reading develops from reading poor books. The very contrasts it does. The habit of reveling in cheap books is destructive of a wholesome pleasure in sound reading. The love of books, like the love of virtue, leads to high clean sweet pastures, but to refuse and not even to know. Again, the demand for certain books does not resolve the public library accepts them. It is a spurious argument that the taxpayers' money should finance the taxpayers' desire. More than 60 per cent of the books drawn from public libraries are works of fiction. The thin tasteless stream of instant reading is too often the blower which, offering to the command of certain libraries, adopts the rigorous measure of burning no fiction until it is a year old. The librarians agreed that the rule is unscientific one if it is slightly elastic in its actual application. At all events the helpful advocacy render for the public library is the man or woman who believes that in proportion as a good book is a blessing, a poor book is a curse.

It seems incredible that in our civilization a country如此 that a man can have committed to prison, carried for 28 years. Yet the government is about to dispose of a case which has been pending since 1869. On September 18 of that year the man, aged 18, and eight years wanted for a quadruplet with their fathers, passed to be imprisoned. On the way they separated and相遇ed and the younger, going to an accident. The older was arrested by the police authorities, then the father of Rome; but before he could be brought to trial the temporal power of the pope was taken away. By 1882 the new power in Rome had reached the case and was ready to try it, but the death penalty was abolished about this time and this caused fresh delay. Now if he is so fortunate the boy, now a middle-aged man, will either be discharged from our today or be formally punished.

At the present rate of progress in shipbuilding new terms will have to be devised to describe adequately the marine monsters. Leviathans of the deep" seems a tame expression when applied to some of the new craft. Two now under construction will be 1,000 feet in length and of 60,000 tons displacement. That means 228 feet longer than the Linerians and Mauritania and nearly double the carrying capacity of those ships. The Spanish armada lives in history as one of the great naval forces. Yet the entire tonnage of the armada was 50,000, or considerably less than that of one of the new steamers. Modern skill in naval construction, with the improved means of generating and applying power, makes these seeming miracles possible.

There is no doubt that most people ruin their teeth and digestive system by taking food at too high a temperature. One cannot get into a hot bath if it is over 112 degrees, 105 degrees is dangerous, and even 100 degrees is warm. But from experiments made it appears that we eat meat at 115 degrees, beans at 122 degrees, potatoes at 130 degrees. The average temperature of tea is 135 degrees, and it may be sipped, but cannot be swallowed in large quantities if it exceeds 142 degrees.

## LATEST NEWS EPITOMIZED

FROM TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS THAT COVER THE WEEK'S EVENTS.

## OF MOST INTEREST

KEEPING THE READER POSTED ON MOST IMPORTANT CURRENT TOPICS.

## WESTERN NEWS.

Fire at Prescott, Ariz., Wednesday night destroyed the Yavapai club house and contents, valued at \$100,000.

Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska has tendered his resignation to take effect January 1st.

Forest fires which have been raging between Evansville, Indiana, and Cairo, Illinois, for the last week, have already caused a loss of \$100,000.

David Decatur Thompson, editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, died at St. Louis on the 19th inst. from the effects of an automobile accident.

At their meeting in New York on the 11th inst. directors of the Colorado & Southern Railway Company declared an initial dividend of 2 per cent on its common stock.

Oscar Wright, the famous aviator, has enlisted the support of Russell A. Alger, the deputy captain and son of the late Senator Alger, and an aero plane factory will be built in Detroit.

20-mile pools on horse races and maintenance of betting rings at race tracks are under the ban of the law in the state of Washington according to a decision of the State Superior Court just handed down.

Contrary to every expectation, the voters of Minnehaha county, South Dakota returned a majority of 747 for the new law which will cripple the South Dakota divorce industry centered in that county.

The Union Pacific is said to have perfected a wireless telegraph device to be placed in the engine cab by which danger signals may be transmitted to the engine at any point when the train is in motion, a bell and a red light being used.

The names of twenty Nebraska newspaper men holding Western Union telegraph franchises have been certified to the attorney general by the State Highway Commission for prosecution under the anti-discriminatory clause of the commission act. About two-thirds of the news media in both political parties.

The Illinois Smelter Company has signed the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining Company of Idaho for the recovery of \$1 million alleged to be value of ore taken from a nugget vein in the last three years, and for the control of the Bunker Hill smelter, from which tons of useless metal worth of one has been extracted.

A party for the construction of what the architect says will be the longest office building in the world was started Wednesday in Chicago. The building will be owned by the Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company and will stand at Adams street and Michigan Avenue. It will be twenty stories high and will contain 7,000,000 cubic feet of air space.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

New York City is now spending \$25,000 a month or \$300,000 a year for the maintenance of its departmental armories.

Colonel Goethals who is chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission, declared that the report of the discovery of a subterranean lake under the site of the canal looks at Gatun is "absolute rot."

The railroads of the United States have released orders for equipment and supplies aggregating \$10,000,000 since election day. These orders are said to have been placed prior to November 3rd, contingent on the outcome of the campaign.

All grades of refined sugar were reduced 10 cents a hundred pounds at New York on the 12th inst. This follows a recent reduction of 50 cents a hundred pounds.

Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the noted Labrador medical missionary and explorer, discredits the report of the finding of Andre's body on the coast of Labrador by Captain Chalker.

The Park theater at Brooklyn, N. Y., a historic playhouse, was burned on the night of the 12th inst. only an hour after a large audience had left the building, where the Spooner stock company was playing.

The American Anti-Saloon League will inaugurate a pledge signing movement early next year throughout the United States. Dr. Russell, at present superintendent of the league work in New York, will have charge.

Edward M. Morgan, postmaster of New York City, was seriously wounded in the abdomen Monday morning by a bullet fired by E. H. B. Mackay, an eccentric English stenographer, who then committed suicide.

An explosion on the steamer Temiskaming at Temiskaming, Ontario, Monday night caused the death of at least five persons by the explosion or by drowning, one being an American named McBride. Six badly burned men may die.

An encounter Tuesday between two warring factions of students attending the university of Vienna resulted in injury to about 100 of the young men. The conflict is attributed to the smoldering antagonism between the Pan-German and the Jewish students.

The eastern chamber of the Dublin city hall was gutted by fire Wednesday and the only hall itself had a narrow escape from destruction. All the paintings in the room of the council chamber, many of which were of historic interest, including the well known picture of Daniel O'Connell, were destroyed.

Several hundred employees, many of them young women, witnessed the killing of Francis Emberton by Pietro Desconi near a large factory in Harrison, N. J. Tuesday and pursued the slayer. They captured the man and were going him rough when an officer interfered and carried him off to jail in a wagon.

Governor Hughes of New York has filed his certificate of election expenses with the secretary of state, giving his total expenditures at \$26,000. Of this sum to be spent \$20,000 for traveling and incidental expenses \$6,000 for hotel bills, including telephone and messenger charges, and \$1,740 for telegrams.

Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, while addressing a meeting in favor of disestablishment at the City Temple in London, was subjected to disgraceful interruptions by suffragettes. Nearly a score of the adherents of the suffrage movement, men and women, were ejected from the building amid uproarious scenes of shouting and violence.

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## EMPEROR AND EMPRESS DIE

DEATH OF CHINESE EMPEROR FOLLOWED BY THAT OF DOWAGER EMPRESS.

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PRINCE CHUN AS REGENT AS SUMES GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY.

Peking—The Emperor died shortly after 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The Emperor had been ill for a long time and during recent audiences with foreign representatives he was unable either to sit up on the throne or even in an erect position. It was evident for a long time that he would be unable to withstand a crisis which sooner or later must develop in the disease from which he was suffering. Recent climatic extremes caused fatal complications.

The report of Friday that the Dowager Empress of China was mortally ill was confirmed by the foreign board of the government.

At the moment of the death of the Emperor the Dowager Empress' own death chamber chair was waiting in the courtyard.

Toze Hsi An, the Dowager Empress of China, autocratic head of the government, which she directed without successful interference since 1901, and without protest since 1903, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The announcement of the Dowager Empress' death was official and followed closely upon the announcement that Kuang Hsu, the Emperor, had died Saturday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is believed the death occurred a considerable time before that set down in the official statement.

An edict issued at 8 o'clock Sunday morning placed upon the throne Prince Pu Yi, the three year-old son of Prince Chun, the regent of the empire, in accordance with a promise given by the Dowager Empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1903. An edict issued on Friday made Pu Yi heir presumptive.

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Prince Chun, the regent, has ordered the vice-regal government to take no action for the continuation of the administration of the provinces as heretofore and he has ordered a hundred days of mourning. The court will go into mourning for three years.

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## HENRY SHOT IN COURT ROOM

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DRAMATIC CLIMAX IN SAN FRANCISCO GRAFT AND BRIBERY CASES.

San Francisco, Cal.—The San Francisco bribery graft cases had a dramatic climax late Friday when Assistant District Attorney Francis Heney, who has been in charge of the prosecution during its tortuous course of two years, was shot and seriously wounded in the crowded courtroom by Morris Haas, an ex-convict. The shooting occurred during a brief recess in the third trial of Abraham Ruef on a charge of bribe-taking.

Heney is now resting easily in the Lane hospital, and the physicians say his wound is not fatal. Haas is in the city prison.

Heney, as he lay on the operating table, said: "I will live to prosecute both Haas and Ruef."

The assassin is a saloonkeeper, who was drawn upon the jury panel in the second trial of Ruef and who, after having been temporarily passed by both sides, was exposed by Heney as an ex-convict.

Heney dramatically produced a photograph of Haas taken at San Quentin penitentiary in convict's garb, with cropped head and his number across his breast.

Haas collapsed in court, admitting he had been a convict and was immediately discharged from the jury.

After the shooting Friday Haas said: "Heney exposed my record in court and ruined my business. I am even with him now and I do not care what happens to me."

## Examiner Changes Its Tune.

San Francisco, Cal.—For more than a year the Examiner has kept up a bitter attack, not only upon Heney, but upon Speeckels, Burns, Langdon and all others connected with the prosecution. Cartoons have been used almost constantly to belittle the graft fighters. For many months the Examiner has run this line on its editorial page.

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## Haas Commits Suicide.

San Francisco, Nov. 14.—Morris Haas, who Friday attempted to assassinate Francis J. Heney, committed suicide Saturday night by shooting himself through the middle of his forehead with a pistol he had concealed about his person. Haas went to bed at 8 o'clock at the county jail and covered up his face with a blanket. At 8:40 a shot was heard from his cell and when the guards entered it was found that he had rolled out of bed and was lying dead on the floor with a bullet hole in his head. A single shot darter was grasped in his hand.

Hearst's "Examiner" office was barricaded after the shooting of Heney and its employers were armed. Hearst fearing an attack by the populace, owing to the persistent abuse of the graft prosecutors by the "Examiner," which Saturday suddenly reversed itself editorially.

## Scientist Found in an Asylum.

New York—A search lasting the greater part of ten years, and extending from one end of the country to the other ended a few days ago when Prof. Mark W. Harrington, once chief of the United States weather bureau and one of the best known scientific men in America, was found a hopeless lunatic in the New Jersey asylum for the insane at Morris Plains. Until last Monday Prof. Harrington was registered as "John Doe, No. 8," having been picked up in a park at Trenton eighteen months ago.